

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

"A DATA ENCRYPTION ENCIPHERING METHOD[[,] AND ASSOCIATED CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED COMPONENT"

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the title appearing on page 1.

This disclosure is based upon French Application No. 02/09475, filed July 26, 2002, and International Application No. PCT/FR2003/002364, filed July 25, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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